



HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL
"A California Distinguished School"
SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
"The Focus At Hilltop Is Academics"

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Dear Parents:

As we approach the last quarter of the 2005-06 school year, I want to remind Hilltop families about the upcoming schoolwide testing scheduled **on four minimum days, April 25-28**. Last year HHS students performed exceptionally well on these tests earning an Academic Performance Indicator (API) score of 685, exceeding the target of 661 by 24 points. With curriculum aligned to state standards and our ongoing focus on academics, I am confident that Hilltop students will exceed expectations again this year.

All 9th, 10th and 11th graders will participate in state-mandated California Standards Tests (CSTs) on Tuesday through Friday, April 25, 26, 27 and 28. On these days, the school day will begin at 7:30 AM and end at 12:10 PM. Periods 0 and 7 will **NOT** meet on these four days. Students will report to period 1 each day for attendance and a nutritious breakfast snack and then proceed to their **period 4 classes for testing**. I want to thank the following local businesses for providing monetary donations to fund the daily snacks: Fuller Ford, McMillin Realty, AT&T and Allied Waste.

Seniors will report to period 1 on Tuesday, April 25, and then proceed to a senior assembly in the gym. This event will conclude no later than 9:30 AM when seniors will be dismissed from school. Seniors will **NOT** report to school on Wednesday through Friday, April 26, 27, or 28. These days are set aside for seniors to complete their community service graduation requirement and/or the job shadowing activity. Attendance for seniors for April 26-28 will be validated through their submission of a completed community service document and/or job shadowing packet. In addition, seniors may fulfill Saturday School responsibilities by remaining after the senior assembly until 12:00 PM on April 25, and by reporting to the gym from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on April 26, 27 and 28. One Saturday School may be cleared on each of the days of attendance.

This state-mandated testing requires that students take all required tests for their grade level. Therefore, it is extremely important that students in grades 9, 10 and 11 attend school for the entire time on each of the testing dates. Please schedule medical or family appointments after the conclusion of the school day, and encourage your student(s) to be on time and to do their best on the exams.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us with this important event.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Rindone
Principal

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